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HISTORY

and other facts relating to
FULTON COUNTY

Fulton county's first court house was a two-story brick and cost \$4,000, built in 1847. This has been replaced by a modern structure costing about \$25,000. Both, of course, located in Hickman.

The first jail, a double log structure, was erected in 1846. It was torn down and re-placed by a second in 1860. Falling down, it was replaced by the third and present brick structure built in 1872.

The first permanent settlement undoubtedly made at Hickman, called Mill's Point, in 1819, by Mills Daniel Baldridge was on a boat at Mill's Point (some near Cayce) about the same time and was the first child born in the county. He subsequently lived at Mud Creek, but moved to Arden in 1882.

In 1824 settlements were made in various parts of the county among them were Robt. McKinney, A. M. from whom Rush Creek was named, Parson Findley, John Jones, Ben Meneses, Hugh Sparkman, Silas Clark, A. Farmer, Seburn Meeler, Ben Hamby, Rev. Ruben Jones, John Huffman. In the same year Duncan Campbell, Martin Jones, Jerry Mitchell, William Jones, and others settled in the neighborhood.

In 1825 Bill Conley came to the county and entered 320 acres of land on the State Line, at \$1 per acre. Other early settlers were Buford Wilford Gore, Isaac Barnett, Andrew Shuck, Robt. Tyler, Mr. Maddox, Billy Morris Sam. Lamar, Daniel Hodges, C. Grider, Henry Bush and others.

At that time, game was exceedingly abundant, embracing bears, deer, foxes, panthers, foxes, raccoons, weasels and the smaller game. Bears and black wolves killed men thus compelling the closest watching of these animals. In 1826, a negro woman, while washing, was attacked by a panther and almost torn to pieces before aid reached.

Billy Morris, in 1825, taught the first school in the history of the county, which was about a mile from the line. He was a poor man, and his wife, to help establish a school, dug the well at their house, the old Luther Maddox place.

In 1844 years from then and now have not been neglected in the matter of education. Today splendid educational advantages are furnished by common schools of the county, which are under good and careful management, and three excellent graded schools—one in Fulton, one at Cayce, and one Hickman—with about 50 white teachers in all the schools of the county, about two thirds of these being lady teachers. The enrollment is about 1500 male and 1460 female students (white.) Colored, about 500 male and 510 female, 4 male and 9 female teachers. Valuation of school property county, white, \$5,200; colored, \$1,000.

Some of the early Missionary Baptist preachers were Ruben Owen, P. Edwards who built the Poplar Grove church, Geo. White and Samuel Crider. The Regular or Methodist Baptists: Fleming Cayce, Wesley Bowden, John Starka and others.

Early Methodist ministers were Joshua Cole, Peter Sullivan, Wm. McMillen and Findlay Bynum.

Early Cumberland Presbyterian ministers: Collins Bradley, D. Hill, Hill, William and John Barlow.

The census 25 years ago gave

The White Carnival Still On



A great showing of New Spring Muslin Underwear, Linens, White Goods, Laces, Embroideries, Ginghams, Percales, Prints, Etc. A splendid opportunity to buy the material for your Spring sewing at Reduced Prices!

New, White Wash Fabrics	Elegant Embroideries, All New
Beautiful sheer white goods, something new—Flax or plain stripes, 35c grade at..... 25c	Hamburg, Edging, scalloped edging with beadings, 5c value.... 3c
White figured Mercerized English waistings in light quality, worth 25c and 35c, Sale Price..... 25c	Beadings, Seamings, usually 12 1-2 and 15c yd at..... 10c
13 yd bolt Sheer Ideal English Nainsook worthy 35c yd at..... 25c	Wide Swiss and Nainsook, Insertions, Swiss Edging, Ribbed Gailons and Beadings at 25c and 40c a yd for..... 25c
Linene very serviceable for children wear, 15c goods at..... 12 1/2c	Nainsook and Cambric Skirt Flouncing, handsome Swiss and Nainsook, Insertion worth 35c a yd..... 30c
Fine white Madras in stripes and small figured designs worth 35c reduced to..... 25c	Baby Insert Fronts and Insertion beautiful designs in roses, butterfly leaves and fern designs from..... 50c and \$2.50
Milrette waistings, silk effects, a beautiful fabric at..... 30c	All over Embroideries, large and small Patterns at a yd..... 50c and \$2.00
India Linen, in a perfect finish, worth 12 1-2c at..... 10c	
Beautiful dimities in pretty sheer checks for dresses and waists at 10 to 25c	

Wash Goods	Laces	Household Linens	Bed Furnishings
FOR EVERY DAY USE	A lovely showing of the newest things in laces, exquisite designs that are a delight to look upon.	35c Table Linen at..... 25c	81x90 Mohawk sheets worth \$1 sale price..... 75c
Red Seal Ginghams in dainty colorings, checks, corded effects and stripes, worth 15c..... 12 1-2c	The showing is composed of imported designs as well as those made at the Lion City Lace works	60c " "..... 48c	81x90 Hemstitched Mohawk sheets worth \$1.10..... 89c
12 1-2c Ginghams..... 10c		85c " "..... 65c	12 1-2c Pillow slips, good bleached muslin..... 10c
Full yard wide 12 1-2c Percales, beautiful designs..... 10c		\$1.25 " "..... 98c	18c Pillow slips, good quality, wide hem..... 15c
A full line of the newest things in Prints.		85c Napkins at..... 65c	
		\$1.00 " "..... 79c	
		\$1.25 " "..... 98c	

We have tried to make this the most successful January Sale of Muslin Underwear in the history of our store and while prettiness, daintiness, neatness and goodness figure prominently, economy is the real key note. Every piece of Muslin Underwear we offer is new and perfect.

Gowns	Skirts	Drawers	Corset Covers.
Many styles, made of fine nainsook and cambric, with or without V-shape neck, simply or elaborately trimmed.	Made of cambric, cut in ample widths and lengths, variously finished with tucks, ruffles, and lace and ribbon insertions.	Women's Drawers, all grades, made of nainsook and Cambric, plain or neatly trimmed with lace, embroideries and ribbons.	Between these two prices are Corset Covers of every degree of fineness and more or less elaborately trimmed with laces, embroideries and ribbons.
60c Gowns, sale price..... 48c	60c Skirts sale price..... 48c	25c Drawers now..... 19c	25c Corset Covers..... 19c
85c " "..... 69c	85c " "..... 69c	40c " "..... 29c	40c " "..... 29c
1.25 " "..... 98c	1.25 " "..... 98c	60c " "..... 48c	60c " "..... 48c
1.60 " "..... 1.39	1.60 " "..... 1.39	85c " "..... 59c	85c " "..... 59c
1.75 " "..... 1.48	2.00 " "..... 1.79	\$1.25 " "..... 98c	\$1.25 " "..... 98c
2.00 " "..... 1.78	3.00 " "..... 2.69		

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Fulton County a population of 7,977. The assessor's report for that year compared with that of today follows:

No. Acres	1884	1907
Bushels Corn	108,408	155,166
Bushels Oats	49,883	58,515
Bushels Wheat	91,465	181,364
Tons Hay	8,092	2,080
Pounds tobacco	806,440	102,314
No. Mules	1,002	3,794
No. Horses	1,680	2,435
No. Sheep	2,237	2,135
No. Hogs	7,029	10,977
No. Cattle	2,561	4,078
No. Stores	97	129
No. Vehicles	22,946	38,580
Legal Voters	1,305	2,038

In 1853, the Hickman & Obion Railroad was projected, a charter secured in 1854, and the road built in 1858 from Hickman to Union City. In 1866 the Nashville & Northwestern road obtained possession of it, and changed its name about 1869-70 to the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad. The Mobile & Ohio, passing through the county from north to south, was built about 1856. The Southern division of the Illinois Central, in the eastern part of the county, was built in 1873-4, from Jackson to Cairo, as an extension of the Mississippi Central Railroad. The Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern, now a part of the I. C. system, was built through the southeast corner of the county reaching Fulton in 1861. Both Cayce and Jordan, flourishing little cities of this county, are on the M. & O., and Alexander on the I. C.

For many years Fulton county had only one postoffice—Hickman. Now there are six—Hickman, State Line, Fulton, Cayce, Jordan and Alexander; and until last year, there were eight, but two of these—Mabel and Luzelle have been abolished.

Fulton county was, during the civil war, the scene of military activity by both Confederate and Federal. In addition to the operation of the regular troops of the great armies, hordes of guerrillas swept over the county, destroying life and property indiscriminately. The Confederate cause was represented by several organizations that did heroic services on many fields. Among these organizations

the following are mentioned: The Alexander Guards, commanded by Capt. Edward Crossland, went to Virginia and participated in the first battle of Bull Run in 1861. Capt. John A. Lauderdale organized a company which went to Tennessee and joined the Fifth Tennessee Cavalry. He afterwards became Major and was assigned to the Quartermaster's department. Capt. Henry Campbell raised a company which went to Columbus, Ky., joined the Seventh Ky. Infantry, and was subsequently mounted to operate with Forrest's Cavalry. Capt. Henry A. Tyler recruited a company that fought with Forrest through the war. The war record of these gen-

tleman bears the Courier out in saying they were as brave lot of men as ever formed in line of battle. The few remaining survivors of this once brilliant array of manhood and valor now meet annually in re-union with Gen. Tyler as their commander. Year by year the scythe of time thins the ranks until only a few of these grey haired veterans remain to tell the interesting stories inspired by Dixie and love of the South.



GEN. H. A. TYLER, as he appeared in 1862 when captain in Forrest's Cavalry

Last but not least was a company of Home Militia organized in 1861 by Capt. Thomas R. McMahon, to protect Hickman against the encroachments of the Federal gunboats. A Confederate flag floating from the banks of the river was supposed to be likely to provoke an attack from the passing gunboats. McMahon's brave guards, armed with rifles, flint-lock muskets, pitchforks, battle-axes, spears, spades and other hostile weapons, were ready to protect their flag or shed their last drop of blood, when, lo, the boats steamed by without even noticing the defiant banner supported by its valiant defenders.

The Union cause had few representatives in the county. siffs oldiers enlisted elsewhere, no records have been kept, except of one man Joseph Dougal, who served with distinction.

Hickman, the county seat, is situated on the southeastern bank of the Mississippi river and was incorporated in 1837. "Prior to 1834" says Rev. White, "the site where Hickman now stands was called Mill's Point, in honor of Mr. Mills who settled there in 1819. The writer visited the place in 1824, and there was but one house in it. It stood near the Millet corner and was occupied by, John Doons, whose father Jake Doons, lived about two miles on the bluff above Hickman, near where the railroad now ascends the bluff. The river was about a half mile from the cabin where John Doons lived. The sit on which Hickman stands was covered by a military survey, known and recognized as a good one. This was not questioned for several years after the first settlement of this country. G. W. L. Marr, who lived in Madrid Bend, and was a shrewd man in land matters, became satisfied that the military title was not good; therefore, he entered the land as state land, then tested the military title by a suit of ejectment, succeeded in getting possession of the land after a long and expensive suit. The land in dispute embraced 4,000 acres and included the site whereon Hickman now stands."

The town of Hickman was laid out by A. S. Tyler, and by Mr. Marr called Hickman, in honor of his wife's maiden name. Mr. Marr held his lots at high rates, and for a time, checked the growth of the town. Several years later he sold his possessions in and around Hickman to Samuel Wilson, which gave new life to the village.

The first business house in the town is said to have been built by McInosff & Dabblebreast, 1835.